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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 15 and new/substitute claims 1 to 9, and please add new claims 16 to 25 as follows:

--16. (New) A fuel injector for use in projecting directly into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine, the fuel injector comprising:

- a fuel inlet;
- a movable valve-closure member;

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